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Buckland Meeting Notes April 7, 2009 Meeting Denali Commission

Sharon Lind opened the meeting introducing those in attendance at the Denali Commission offices and those in attendance on the phone.

Sharon started the meeting by congratulating Darlene Hadley on her retirement. All in attendance asked the members of the City of Buckland to convey the appreciation of the entire group for Darlene's dedication and hard work towards this important project.

Update from Debra Addie – Debra provided the following report to the group and highlighted key items:

Buckland Water and Sewer Project

VSW Monthly Report April 7, 2009

Wastewater Lagoon Project

Lagoon completion is planned for fall 2009.

Fuel Spill / Fuel Tank Farm

Fuel Farm upgrades are complete.

Design Activities

Contract amendments 6 & 7 with Summit Consulting were signed on February 10, 2009, for the 2009 Scope of Work. The 2009 scope includes all work necessary to close the Downtown Lagoon. Specifically the scope includes Design and Construction of the downtown lift station and force main to the lagoon, terminal manhole at the lagoon, sewer main and sewer services from the clinic, school, and washeteria.

The City Council Reviewed the DAR and passed resolution #2009-09 accepting the DAR on March 12, 2009.

Summit is proceeding with the designs for this year's work. The "critical sheets" from the plan set is at 95%, and the remainder of the plan set is at 65%.

Land Issues - Easement and ROW

Easements needed for the 2009 work were delivered to Buckland by Summit on April 1, 2009. All seven (7) 2009 easements are located on fee-simple land (no BIA restricted lots.) Summit is working with Maniilaq to obtain appraisals for 19 BIA restricted easements.

Permitting

Permit applications were related to a river gravel source were completed and submitted to ACMP, DNR, ACOE, and EPA.

Construction

Summit mobilized the project superintendent on February 9, 2009, and hired 13 employees. The crew constructed the ice road to the upriver gravel source and hauled 40,000 yards of gravel and began excavation for downtown lift station wet well installation. Ice road is now shut-down with snow berms every 400 feet.

Raw Water Line

The city passed resolution 2009-13 on April 2, 2009, requesting to use the remaining funds RD (\$306,000) from 2001 for the Raw Water Line.

Scope and Schedule

Due to recent changes in the availability of VSW funds, the project scope phases are being reorganized to keep the project moving forward within funding limitations.

Proposed 2009 Scope \$5 million

Facilities needed to decommission old lagoon, including downtown lift station, force main, sewer main from water plant & school.

Proposed FY10 Scope (mid-2009 thru year end 2010) \$7.6 million

Downtown Area water and sewer mains, service & plumbing to 50 downtown homes. Complete water plant and storage tank.

Buckland Water Sewer Revised Capital Cost Estimate - March 2009

Phase	Scope	Current Total Estimate	VSW Project
1	Lagoon, Maintenance Building, Construction Equipment	7,500,000	7,500,000 (2)
2	Raw Water Intake & transmission Line	2,400,000	(3)
3	Water Plant, water tank	7,600,000	7,600,000 (4)
4	Main Lift Station, Force main to Lagoon	3,800,000	3,800,000 (4)
5	Water & Sewer Mains & Service Lines	12,400,000	12,400,000 (4)
6	House Plumbing	3,100,000	3,100,000 (4)
	Lay down Pads	<u>600,000</u>	<u>600,000</u>
	Total	37,400,000	35,000,000

Notes:

- (2) Phase 1 updated by MWH from KAE data, June 08
- (3) Phase 2 - ACOE current estimate per David Williams July 08. \$3.1 million remaining funding as of Nov 2007. ACOE is reviewing this cost estimate as of March 09. It will likely increase.
- (4) Phases 3 to 6 components from Summit DAR Design Analysis Report (DAR) June 2008; adjusted to include design, construction management, freight, 10 % contingency, VSW/MWH/City management and administration 8%. Estimate includes 4% annual inflation factor for 2008-2011.

Current Funding for VSW - Buckland Project

Funding required for VSW Buckland Project* 35,000,000

Funding to Date from all sources 17,589,000

Anticipated 2009 Economic Stimulus 3,762,000

Anticipated 2009 ANTHC SDS 948,200

Total funding anticipated to date 22,299,200

Additional Funding needed 12,700,800

* VSW Project excludes Raw Water Line and Water Intake, to be completed by ACOE.

Discussion items during and after that report was as follows:

- The USDA funds were discussed with emphasis on its potential use and the original intent of those funds. Tim Krug of USDA RD discussed the need of the preliminary engineering report on the raw water line for use of the USDA RD funds. Tim was asked whether time limits existed and whether other options existed. Percy Ballot from the City asked Tim how to move the preliminary engineering report and environmental report along? Tim would be discussing this item further with USDA RD staff to get a better understanding of potential use of funds.
- The downtown lagoon was discussed at length and the inevitable future closure of that lagoon. (USDA RD dollars were originally designated for the up build of the downtown lagoon.)
- Percy Ballot asked Debra Addie whether the contractors planned to keep the newly formed ice berms on the roads. Percy let Debra know that kids were now using these berms as jumps. Debra said she would look into this.
- Easements were discussed. Debra Addie informed the group that 7 easements were needed for '09 and 19 were needed for 2010. These easements require BIA involvement and will take time to complete. Percy asked whether Buckland was high on the priority list for SDS?
- Steve Boardman from the COE reported that Dave Williams was in Buckland the last day of March. Steve reported that Dave presented to the City of Buckland on the water treatment plan (concept only), and the water intake (design is done).
- Steve Boardman also reported on the potential stimulus dollars to the COE and mentioned stimulus projects would require cost share mentioning that the use of the USDA RD dollars discussed earlier could be part of that cost share amount. Tim Krug from USDA RD had not heard of the COE's potential stimulus dollars and potential need of matching funds. Debra Addie from VSW had not heard about the stimulus dollars either and asked what the match share requirement would be. Steve Boardman reported to the group the match would be 75/25%. Steve pointed out that these new stimulus dollars were pending and did not have final confirmation on this as of yet.
- A meeting between Merlaine Kruse at USDA RD and Dave Williams at the COE was to take place in the near future to discuss some of these ideas for the Buckland water/sewer project.
- Greg Magee from VSW mentioned that the City met with the COE in Buckland where the COE presented on a water intake design. Options for COE funds include water intake or water treatment, however, intake design might exceed COE funds available. Another issue is the cost for the water treatment equipment, outside of the water treatment infrastructure. Equipment could run in the range of \$1.5 million.
- Debra Addie mentioned that stimulus dollar amounts will help decide feasibility of funding COE development of water intake or water treatment. Debra reiterated to

the group the necessity of closing the downtown lagoon and the plan that currently closes that in 2010. Tim Krug mentioned his need for the PER and the ER for any planned changes for use of USDA RD funds.

- In closing, the group discussed the state budget.

Sharon Lind closed the meeting.

Present at the 4/7/09 meeting were:

City of Buckland on phone: Daryl, Mona, Percy, Ernest and Teresa; Steve Boardman from the COE, Tim Krug from USDA RD and Debra Addie and Greg Magee from VSW in person along with Sharon Lind from the Denali Commission.